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ACTION: Amembassy TEL AVIV

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SUBJECT: U.S.S. Liberty claims

1. Dept prepared issue following press statement after receipt of payment. Embassy requested invite comment from GOI.

QT On (date) USG received $3,566,457 from GOI in settlement certain claims arising out of attack on USS Liberty by Israeli naval and air units June 8, 1967. Amount received represents payment in full of following US claims:

(a) 164 claims totalling $3,452,275 on behalf members of crew of USS Liberty who were injured in attack;

(b) Claim for $92,437 for expenses incurred by USG in providing medical treatment to injured men;

(c) Claim for $21,745 for expenses incurred by USG in reimbursing members of crew of USS Liberty for personal property damaged or destroyed in attack.

Distribution to injured men of funds received in settlement their claims now in process, and be completed in few weeks.

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GOI paid claims totalling $3,323,500 on behalf of families of 34 men killed in attack on May 31, 1968.

Only unsettled claim arising out of the attack on USS Liberty is claim [redacted] for damage to ship, which presented July 3, 1968. UNQTE.

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